

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING THE PERMIAN BASIN HONOR FLIGHT

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 1, 2015*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 82 Veterans from West Texas who will be visiting our Washington, D.C. this week, sponsored by the Permian Basin Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight are: Clinton Adams, James Barbee, Johnny Barbee, Jerry Barker, Mike Barker, Emil Baker, Louie Bramley, Ewel Butler, Robert Caldwell, Oscar Campbell, Thomas Chandler, James Clark, Billy Cobb, Bert Cornelius, Gordon Cornelius, D.W. Day, David Dixon, Ruth Eaton, Reymundo Falcon, Othall Ike Fitzgerald, Jerry Flippin, Donothan Flourney, Ellis Fulton, Richard Galloway, Hector Garcia, Oscar Gonzales, Sipriano Gonzales, Andrew Greenfield, Martin Hammer, Wilbur Harkness III, Wilbur Harkness, Joshua Hernandez, Leonardo Hernandez, Andres Hernandez, Elyceo Herrera, Jimmy Herrera, Manuel Herrera, Ruben Herrera, Eugene Hirt, Ezra Holliman, Franklin Hughes, James Ingram, Bobby Jumper, Demencio Luna, Demencio Luna, Catarino Martinez, Pedro Martinez, Windord McClure, Jerry McNeese, James Merriman, Roy Miller, Ronnie Millsap, Linvel Mosby, Lloyd Munoz, Sylvia Munoz, Ellis Norwood, Maria Pauls, Charles Pinkerton, Dewayne Poindexter, Clifford Ray, William Reed, Rosendo Reyes, Joseph Rhode, Barney Rodriguez, Benny Rogers, Darrell Sanders, Frank Sandoval, Donald Schwartz, George Schwartz, Ernest Showalter, Harold Stallcup, Steven Stone, Frank Taylor, John Urban, Randy Vest, Robert Vest, Harry Washam, Val Wilcox, Charles Wolf, James Woods, James Woodwick, and Woody Wayne.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to have the opportunity to meet these brave men and women who exemplify the best of our country. Their sacrifice and commitment to duty to our nation can never be fully repaid, and I hope that when they visit our nation's monuments in Washington, D.C., the gratitude and respect we have for them will truly be reflected.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. Jeremy West and Mr. John West for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

## HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. HERSCHELL E. WOLFE

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 1, 2015*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and exemplary public servant, Mr. Hershell E. Wolfe, for his 46 years of dedicated, distinguished, and admirable service to our nation. Mr. Wolfe retires on May 29, 2015, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and devotion to the United States Army and the Federal government.

Mr. Wolfe entered the Senior Executive Service following a 33-year career in the United States Army. From 1997 to 2002, Colonel Wolfe served as the Assistant Chief, Medical Service Corps and Consultant to the Army Surgeon General for Environmental Science and Engineering. In this capacity he managed the Army careers of several hundred Preventive Medicine officers and provided professional consultation to the Army Surgeon General, the Army Medical Department, the Army Staff, Department of Defense, other military departments and Federal agencies. In 2002, Mr. Wolfe became the Special Assistant for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, and served as the principal advisor and provided senior staff leadership on all environmental, safety, occupational and environmental health issues for nearly two years.

In his final assignment, Mr. Wolfe served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. His responsibilities spanned a global organization that includes a \$1.5 billion annual environmental program and oversight for the safety and occupational health of over 1.2 million Soldiers and Army Civilian employees worldwide. Mr. Wolfe has provided exceptional leadership for all Army sustainability, environment, natural resources, safety and occupational health programs over the past eleven years.

Mr. Wolfe earned a B.S. from East Tennessee State University and a Masters of Public Health in Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene from the University of Texas. His recognitions are many, but a few are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, Army and Defense Staff Badges, the Order of Military Medical Merit, the "A" prefix awarded by the Army Medical Department, and Adjunct Assistant Professor for Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at the Department of Defense Uniform Services University of Health Sciences. Mr. Wolfe authored and established Department of Defense Instruction 1010.15, Smoke-Free Workplace and is a plank holder of the Army's health hazard assessment program.

Mr. Wolfe can certainly reflect on his 46 years of service with pride and satisfaction. I want to commend Mr. Wolfe for his service and dedication to our Armed Services and our nation. I wish the very best as he starts a new

journey and exceptional chapter of his life. I wish him and his wife Lois all the best in their much-deserved retirement.

### MRS. SYBIL MERVIS

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 1, 2015*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Mrs. Sybil Mervis of Danville, IL, for being named regional Outstanding Philanthropist for 2015.

Noted for her civic involvement and charitable activities by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of East Central Illinois, Sybil Mervis has achieved an enviable record of philanthropy, especially in the areas of education, art, and faith.

I salute Sybil Mervis, who has given so much to her hometown, and thank her for her philanthropy.

## RECOGNIZING DR. FARUK KOREISHI FOR RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 1, 2015*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Faruk Koreishi on his retirement after serving 40 years with the Retina Consultants of Western New York. Dr. Koreishi is the founder of the Retina Consultants of Western New York and has dedicated his career to not only bringing vitally important vitreoretinal surgery to Western New York but also to serving his community.

Dr. Koreishi was the very first physician in the Western New York area who was dedicated to the practice of vitreoretinal surgery. This type of surgery focuses on the vitreous fluid which fills the eye. Among his many accomplishments is the fact that he performed vision-saving surgery on then-Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello.

While working to help those suffering from severe vision impairments Dr. Koreishi was also an active and engaged member of his community. He served on the board of the Islamic Society of the Niagara Frontier, the Family Justice Center, and the Coalition for the Advancement of Muslim Women. He has also been a large supporter of various other organizations such as the Western New York Food Bank, Hospice of Buffalo, Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, and the public television station WNED.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize Dr. Faruk Koreishi. I ask that my colleagues join

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